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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM UNHCR GENEVA TO
UNHCR KIGALI REP STANLEY WRIGHT

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, RW

SUBJECT: REFUGEES (TUTSI) FROM RWANDA

1. QUOTE: GRATEFUL YOUR MESSAGE 9 MARCH. WE SUPPOSE 7000 ARE
INTERNAL DISPLACED PERSONS. FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PLEASE
NOTE FOLLOWING RECEIVED UNHCR NEW YORK. " THANKS YOUR 68 AND 70
WHICH SHARED WITH 38 TH FLOOR. THIS AFTERNOON 8 MARCH MORSE MET
RWANDESE AMBASSADOR NKUNDABAGENZI. MORSE REFERRED TO REPORTS
RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES CONCERNING DETERIORATING SITUATION
AND REFUGEE MOVEMENTS AND REQUESTED AMB' S VIEWS. AMBASSADOR
STATED

A. SINCE 1964 RWANDESE GOVERNMENT MAKING DILIGENT EFFORTS ENSURE
INTERNAL HARMONY. HOWEVER, APPARENTLY THERE HAD BEEN SOME
TROUBLE

RECENTLY IN UNIVERSITIES, SCHOOLS. WHILST DISTURBANCES WERE NOT
SERIOUS, TUTSIS LIVING IN BORDER AREAS MAY HAVE GROWN APPREHENSIVE
AND, IN PANIC, SOME MAY HAVE CROSSED BORDERS.

B. MOST NEWS BEING RECEIVED ABROAD ORIGINATED RADIO BUJUMBURA,
WHICH NOT IMPARTIAL. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT RADIOS KAMPALA,
KINSHASA AND DAR ES SALAAM HAD NOT COMMENTED ON SITUATION.

C. HE HAD SPOKEN OVER PHONE WITH KIGALI AND HAD BEEN INFORMED
SITUATION NOT SERIOUS. PRESIDENT WAS REPORTED HAVING ISSUED FIRM
INSTRUCTIONS CONTROL DISTURBANCES AND AMBASSADOR WOULD BE
RECEIVING

FULL REPORT SHORTLY WHICH HE WOULD SHARE WITH MORSE."

2. ASSESSMENT HERE IS THAT AMBASSADOR, WHO IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT,
WILL TRY BE HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WOULD BE
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PREFERABLE AT PRESENT NOT REPEAT NOT SEND ANY MESSAGE FROM HICOM TO PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, IF SITUATION CONTINUES DETERIORATE, THIS POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION COULD BE CONSIDERED AGAIN.

3. LIKEWISE AS REGARDS DEMARCHES THROUGH OAU FEELING HERE IS THAT NO POLITICAL MOVE SHOULD BE MADE AT PRESENT. ON OTHER HAND, ANY INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH OAU REGARDING REFUGEE MOVEMENTS WOULD BE WELCOME. END QUOTE. RIMESTAD

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